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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in order to express my opinion regarding the three-year-long antitrust suit involving the Department of Justice and Microsoft. I do not feel that the suit should have been brought in the first place, but since it was I now feel that it is time for it to come to a close. Microsoft has done their part to bring this matter to a close. They have agreed to terms and conditions that were not even in the original suit.

Every company has a right to explore opportunities and every company's goal is to dominate their marketplace. Microsoft did that. Their competition is angry that they have been left behind. Yes, Windows is the dominant operating system. Due to many factors, including the fact that Microsoft developed relationships and contracts with hardware manufactures and other companies to bundle products. This is common practice in a competitive market. There are other products on the market from which consumers may choose. Consumers choose not to alter the operating system that came with their computer, but they may if they wish.

Microsoft dominates the market because they have the best product for the money. If it were not for Microsoft, I do not believe I would be writing this to you on a computer smaller than the size of my father's first adding machine.

In my mind this suit was unnecessary and unwarranted in the first place. Now I feel the Department of Justice needs to support the settlement and bring a close to all further litigations. Microsoft has done more than what was necessary in this situation.

Sincerely,
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